

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESIDENTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2004

Number and Percent of Deaths and Age-adjusted Rates

COUNTY-WIDE RANK in 2004 ^a	CAUSE OF DEATH ^b	NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DEATH								AGE-ADJUSTED RATES ^c				
		ASIAN/OTHER NON-HISPANIC		BLACK NON-HISPANIC		HISPANIC (ANY RACE)		WHITE NON-HISPANIC		RACE/ETHNICITY				SAN DIEGO COUNTY
		number of deaths	%	number of deaths	%	number of deaths	%	number of deaths	%	ASIAN/OTHER NON-HISPANIC	BLACK NON-HISPANIC	HISPANIC (ANY RACE)	WHITE NON-HISPANIC	
1	Diseases of heart	263	21.2	246	27.0	509	22.3	4,200	27.6	100.6	282.6	159.8	196.5	187.2
2	Cancer (any)	340	27.4	193	21.2	463	20.3	3,630	23.8	111.5	202.3	120.3	183.2	168.9
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	111	8.9	70	7.7	153	6.7	1,087	7.1	43.1	89.5	47.6	50.1	50.8
4	Alzheimer's Disease	35	2.8	23	2.5	79	3.5	968	6.4	16.3	34.5	29.1	42.4	39.0
5	COPD/Chronic lower respiratory diseases	50	4.0	21	2.3	57	2.5	938	6.2	20.2	25.7	18.4	45.4	39.0
6	Unintentional injuries	68	5.5	49	5.4	146	6.4	595	3.9	18.0	33.2	20.6	33.8	28.8
7	Diabetes mellitus	56	4.5	37	4.1	126	5.5	311	2.0	19.7	40.6	36.6	15.6	19.4
8	Influenza & pneumonia	29	2.3	9	1.0	59	2.6	380	2.5	11.9	9.3	19.0	17.1	16.9
9	Suicide	23	1.9	14	1.5	29	1.3	245	1.6	5.1	8.8	3.6	14.2	10.5
10	Essential (primary) hypertension & hypertensive renal disease	17	1.4	15	1.6	26	1.1	204	1.3	6.9	18.8	9.0	9.2	9.3
11	Parkinson's disease	9	0.7	2	0.2	14	0.6	233	1.5	4.0	*	4.9	10.8	9.3
12	Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis	11	0.9	12	1.3	51	2.2	171	1.1	2.9	11.4	11.0	9.2	8.8
13	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome & nephrosis	15	1.2	22	2.4	38	1.7	110	0.7	5.5	26.0	11.6	5.3	6.6
14	Homicide	8	0.6	36	4.0	59	2.6	35	0.2	1.9	21.3	6.2	2.0	4.3
15	HIV disease	9	0.7	20	2.2	31	1.4	71	0.5	2.3	13.0	4.6	4.3	4.5
	All Other Causes	197	15.9	141	15.5	441	19.3	2,046	13.4					
	TOTAL DEATHS:	1,241	100.0	910	100.0	2,281	100.0	15,224	100.0	434.6	952.7	596.0	741.0	703.2

^a Rank is based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories. The top 15 leading causes of death presented here are based on the county-wide rank among San Diego residents in 2004.

^b Underlying cause of death.

^c All rates are per 100,000 population and are adjusted to 2000 Standard U.S. Population.

* Rate not calculated for fewer than 5 deaths in this category.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Death Statistical Master Files; SANDAG January 1 population estimates
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